into a criminal conspiracy with themselves and Managing Director, M/s TDI International Pvt. Ltd. with the object of causing pecuniary advantage to the firm or to themselves and by abusing their official position cheated the AAI in the matter of award and execution of contract of advertising rights on trolleys on 5 International Airports causing wrongful pecuniary loss of Rs. 21.5 crores to the AAI.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Disinvestment of Government's Share in AI

1353. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India is still going in loss;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) whether Government propose to disinvest their share in this company; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Licence for Airtaxi Services

1354. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposal for grant of licence for air taxi services are pending with the Director General Civil Aviation (DGCA);

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies whose proposals are awaiting clearance;

(c) what are the details of each proposal with number of aircrafts declared by each private taxi operator and routes/regions demanded for air operation; and

(d) what are the salient features of the policy with regard to air taxi services and whether all these pending proposals are within the ambit to this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Grant of permits for scheduled/non-scheduled operations to air service operators is an on going process. At present applications for Non-scheduled operators permit of four operators are under process with Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

(b) and (c) The details of applications under process are given below:—

(i) RC Aviation India (P) Ltd. has proposed to operate one Cessna 172 P aircraft with 3 passenger seating capacity.

(ii) Futura Travels Ltd. has proposed to operate with one Bell 206L4 helicopter 5-seater and one Beech King Air B-200 9 Seater.

(iii) Summit Aviation Pvt. Ltd. has proposed to operate with one Bell 47-G5-2 seater and one Cheetah helicopter 5-seater.

(iv) M.P. Flying Club, Indore has proposed to operate with 3 Cessna 152 and one Pushpak MKI aircraft.

(d) The salient features of the Policy with regard to Non-scheduled air transport services are given in Series "C" Part-III section 3 of Civil Aviation Requirements.

Poor Quality of Food in IA

1355. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the quality of food served in the Indian Airlines is very poor as compared to that in the private airlines although the caterers for these airlines remain the same, if so, the reasons therefor; and